



**European educational  
instruments relevant for and in  
Asia**

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- EU policy context
- EU external cooperation instruments in the field of higher education (HE) and exchange programmes
- EU cooperation opportunities for Philippines HE institutions, students and scholars





In Europe our experience is:

- **Exchanges of students** contribute to the development of well-qualified, open-minded and internationally experienced people able to cope with the challenges of knowledge based society and global economy
- **Partnerships between universities** become a basis for structured cooperation, strengthen universities international capacities and facilitate exchange of know-how and innovation.



Recent policy developments in the field of HE:

- Establishment of a **common framework** to promote citizen's mobility and employability (the EHEA)
- Process for a **greater compatibility and comparability of HE systems** ( The 'Bologna process'): system based on 2 main cycles with the aim to promote students/academic staff mobility, improve recognition of diplomas and promote European cooperation in quality assurance



- **To enhance** in the medium term **the political, cultural educational and economic links** between the EU and other countries in the world
- European HE **to be exposed to other educational approaches and standards** in the world so as to result in **innovation** and the identification of **best practices**



## Objectives:

- To improve information about HE policy developments in Europe
- To intensify policy-dialogue in the HE field
- To strengthen cooperation based on partnerships and mobility
- To develop recognition of qualifications





To achieve these goals, the EU external cooperation supports a range of **high profile cooperation** and **exchange programmes**:

- **Erasmus Mundus (EM)**
- **The Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window (EM ECW)**





## Eramus Mundus (EM)

- Promotes excellence in higher education
- Supports high quality integrated study programmes at master level
- Provides scholarships for graduate students and scholars from outside Europe to study EM master courses in Europe





- Each Master Course includes a number of places for non European students
- Scholarships for up to students of 42,000 € for a 2 year EM master course in Europe
- Mobility grant for scholars of up to 13,000 € for a 3 months period in Europe
- Illness and accident insurance coverage

## Vietnamese participation to EM (or the same slides as the ones prepared by Marc and Rita)



- More than 1800 scholarships granted for the academic year 2007/2008 - Budget of 100 M€ for the academic year 2007/2008
- During the acad.year 2006/2007, **41 Vietnamese students and scholars enrolled in EM master courses**
- **Success rate of 14%** for the acad.year 2007/200
- However, **no Vietnamese HE institution** participated in cooperation activities with European institutions



## The Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation

### Window (EM ECW):

- Programme complementary to EM
- Fosters structured cooperation between European HE institutions and HE institutions outside Europe combined with mobility of students/scholars
- Provides scholarships at all educational levels up to 64,000 € per student for up to 34 months abroad.



- For the acad year 2008/2009, the programme will be allocated an increased budget of 74 M €
- There will be a geographical window for Asia allowing the participation of Asian (incl. Vietnamese) HE institutions and the mobility of about 655 students/scholars mobility to Europe